(c) whether the meeting of M.Ps. convened by the Minister on 15 Point Programme suggested certain measures for the effective implementation of the programme; if so, the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) The States have been conducting quarterly review meetings at the level of Chief Minister and|or Chief Secretary and monthly review meetings at the level of District Magistrates|Divisional Commissioners, though not very regularly. The need for holding regular quarterly review meetings at Chief Minister/Chief Secretary level and monthly review meetings at District Magistrates level was emphasised in the Conference of State Ministers held on the 20th September, 1988.

(b) Most of the States/Union Territories have adopted the new format for sending information on implementation of the 15 Point Programme. The information received indicates that there is now greater awareness about the welfare of minorities

(c) The suggestions made are being examined.

**Recommendations of the Conference of Chairmen of Central and State Minorities Commission**

405. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the major recommendations of the Conference of Chairman of Central and State Minorities Commissions held recently in Delhi;

(b) whether Government have accepted these recommendations, if not, the reasons thereof;

(c) how many such conferences have taken place so far and whether any of the recommendations have been accepted at all by the Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government will reconsider its decision not to grant statutory or constitutional status to the Minorities Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) The major recommendations of the Conference of the Chairmen and Members of the Central & State Minorities Commissions/Boards held on November 17-18, 1988 relate to implementation of the Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities, greater employment and job opportunities for the minorities and their educational and economic progress. Specifically, the Conference called for a separate Component Plan for Welfare of Minorities The Conference also reiterated its earlier recommendation for conferring statutory powers on the Commission.

(b) to (d) The major recommendations of the last Conference and also of the two earlier Conferences held in 1984 and 1986 are generally covered by the Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities and the Programme of Action under the National Policy on Education. These do not therefore, call for any separate action. There is also no proposal to grant statutory/Constitutional Status to the Commission or to have a separate component plan for welfare of minorities

**Setting up of Unified Transport Authority**

406. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Unified Transport Authority for Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the proposed authority; and

(c) to what extent the problem of traffic rush on roads in the capital is likely to be solved?